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THE MAN ON THE JOB.

Auditor General Fuller, who will be a candidate for re-nomination at the Republican state convention, has issued a most interesting circular describing the "man on the job." Mr. Fuller offers as his credentials for re-nomination—the fact that he was not only operated the auditor general's department with maximum efficiency but that he has also reduced the amount paid for extra clerk hire in the auditor general's department during his six years' incumbency by the amount of \$121,928.16, as compared with the average amount paid in salary to two extra clerks in the auditor general's office for the eight years prior to his administration.

He points to this reduction in expense notwithstanding that the regular work of the department have been materially increased by the repeated passage of new laws, adding new and extensive duties to the work done under his supervision.

Then—in his circular—he asks himself the question why this record has been possible (and he answers himself by saying that "it is because of personal attention to the duties of the department." He says he claims the right to ask for another term "because of what he has accomplished for the state during the last five years."

"Believing that a state officer should devote his entire time to the duties of his office," reads the circular, "I did on January 1, 1909—at the commencement of my first term—take up my residence in Lansing and have since that date given the office my undivided attention."

There will be no dispute with Mr. Fuller on his record in office. He is an ideal public official.

"IT'S AN ILL WIND."

A writer in the Philadelphia Ledger points out that the United States is about to begin an aggressive campaign for the trade of the west coast of South America, which England and Germany have heretofore practically dominated, and shows the dominance which the United States might readily acquire while the energies of her two principal competitors were being exhausted in strife which easily become overwhelming.

To Argentina alone Germany and the United Kingdom now export about \$175,000,000 in merchandise annually; to Chile, about \$70,000,000; to Peru, about \$11,000,000; to Bolivia, about \$9,000,000. British exports to Bolivia were double in 1910 what they were in 1909, which gives some idea of how the South American trade has been increasing under the stimulus of the approaching completion of the canal Germany's total exports of merchandise in 1911 amounted to \$1,273,895,433, and the United Kingdom's to \$2,754,392,166. The exports of the United States the same year were \$2,204,522,409. The British navy might keep open the empire's arteries of commerce, but the Ledger writer believes the hand of war would quickly advance the United States to first place in the world's trade.

Among other things it means many enhanced commodities and a lot of new ones, and they will not be needed by the statesmen who caused the war. Armies and navies never authorize war.

YOU'RE AHEAD

no matter which way we look at it.

To explain ourselves—The weather is "Just Right" and so it's too nice to even THINK about coal. And so we sit—models of personified patience—till the weather gets chilly and your teeth get chattering—and you buy coal.

Still again—if you HAVE bought your winter's coal, you have saved money, and it's that much less in your pockets.

So, for goodness sakes, as Polly says, "Have a Heart," and remember that we have excellent coal for sale.

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ALL EUROPE IN ARMS.

All Europe is now in arms. The nations not actually engaged in war are mobilizing. Great Britain's entrance into the conflict means that hostilities will be spread over a wide area and that the casualties will be tremendous.

Britain was forced into the struggle by Germany's violation of Belgium neutrality. The vital importance of Belgium lies in the fact that unless Germany may move across Belgian territory, neutralized by treaty, an invasion of France would have to be through the heavily fortified French frontier proper.

The entire northeastern frontier of France is 440 miles in length. For a distance of about 250 miles this frontier line separates France from Belgium and Luxembourg. The remainder, about 190 miles, separates France from German territory.

With the neutrality of Belgium observed, the scene of action would be reduced to the splendidly fortified Franco-German frontier proper.

The cutting of the cable to Germany will make war news from that country difficult to get, and such information is as likely to be considerably delayed. British lines of communication to the United States, however, are still open and are not likely to be seriously threatened.

'WARE FAKE NEWS.

Now is a good time not to get excited over war news that is not authenticated, comments The Mining Journal in the natural course of events, warships will be sunk where no warships sailed the sea and army corps will be overthrown where they were no army corps to be found. Sensational stories about the course of European governments will abound, and the careless reader may have a difficult time sorting out truth from fiction.

That this is the case will be due largely to the fact that while the average of journalism in this country may be high, there are still too many newspapers that are as essentially fraudulent as many of the much denominated medical concoctions made for revenue only. We saw much of their work during the exciting phase of our emigration with Mexico. We will see more of it in the next few weeks than ever before.

While honest newspaper correspondents and honest newspapers will err at times, because they, of necessity, have to print many reports that appear to be well, even if they are not finally authenticated, the percentage of error will not be large, and the reader will have full warrant for accepting their reports as substantially correct. And as for the "bulletins" and "flashes" the best guarantee of authenticity is the endorsement "A. P." The Associated Press is based on occasions because it insists that its correspondents shall report only what they are certain are the facts. But what it loses in occasional heat by more venturesome ventures it far more than makes up in its substantial accuracy.

AN EXTRAVAGANT NATION.

The recently formed American Society for Thrift, which is to hold an international congress at San Francisco next year, has made a tabulation of the annual cost of the alleged extravagances of the American people. Automobiles, according to this authority, cost \$400,000,000 a year, or little less than twice as much as cloths and tobacco, which are set at \$250,000,000. Intoxicating drinks cost \$1,700,000,000 and soft drinks, such as those sold from soda fountains, at one-fifth as much, or \$325,000,000. Chewing gum costs \$25,000,000 and confectionery \$37,000,000. Theaters, including moving pictures and vaudeville entertainments, are rated at \$800,000,000, while the "extravagance" in hotels, restaurants, tango teas, etc., or that sum more than necessary for comfortable subsistence, is rated at \$400,000,000. This makes a total of more than \$4,000,000,000,000. And this amounts to \$40 per capita, \$200 per family, or one-fifth the total expenditure of the American people for all purposes.

South Carolina is guilty of some reprehensible things, but we can not bring ourselves to believe that she will do so treacherous a deed as to dump G. I. cases into the United States senate.

The assassination of archdukes and their wives come high, but little Serbia couldn't resist the temptation, and see what has come of it.

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EAT FOOD AS HARD AS FLINT

Dumboy, National Dish of Liberia,
Is a Gastronomic Wonder

Washington, D. C., Aug. 5.—Dumboy, the national dish of Liberia, is one of the world's gastronomic wonders; if allowed to stand long after being prepared for the table it becomes very hard, broken pieces of it being a favorite kind of shot for use in the long muzzle-loading guns of the natives. A casing of dumboy is also used to stiffen the leather sheaths of the native swords and knives, according to G. N. Collins, in a communication to the National Geographic Society, at Washington, D. C.

"To attempt the description of some novel food is like attempting to describe a landscape," writes Mr. Collins. "The constituent parts may be described and the manner in which they are combined, but it requires something more than accurate description to reproduce the sensation of the original. The principal ingredient of dumboy is cassava, or 'cassada,' as it is called in Liberia. The edible roots of this plant are the source of tapioca and some forms of sago. To prepare the roots for dumboy they are peeled, boiled and all fibers from the center removed. The cooked roots are then placed in a large wooden mortar and beaten with a heavy pestle. This beating requires considerable skill and experience. In the hands of a novice the result is lumpy and inedible.

Is Eaten With Soup.

The beating requires about three quarters of an hour, and is hard work. As the beaten mass becomes homogeneous the pestle produces a loud crack each time it is drawn from the mortar. These sharp reports can be heard long distances through the forest, and are very welcome sounds at the end of a day's journey. When the dumboy reaches this stage the operator may rest without injury to the product; but, once the beating is carried past this point, it must be rapidly completed and the dumboy eaten at once. The natives say it is actually dangerous to eat dumboy that has stood for more than a few minutes after it is beaten.

"As soon as the beating is finished the dumboy is taken from the mortar and placed in shallow wooden bowls. The native method is to place the entire quantity in one large bowl from which all the partakers eat. If divided, the customary portion for each person is a piece about the size and shape of an ordinary loaf of bread. A soup which has been prepared while the dumboy was being beaten is now poured into each bowl. There is great variety in this soup, which imparts most of the taste to the dish. There is always a stock of some form of meat. This may be either chicken, deer, fish, monkey, or even canned beef. To this are added as many vegetables as can be obtained.

Dangerous to Chew It.

"As soon as the soup is added the dumboy is ready to be eaten; and, while the ingredients are somewhat hazy, the method of eating the dish strikes the traveler as even more startling. The mass of dumboy, which can best be described as a sticky dough, will adhere instantly to anything dry, but is readily cut with a wooden spoon if the spoon is kept moist with soup. An incredibly large piece is cut off with the moistened spoon, and swallowed whole. No one thinks of chewing it, and it is customary to caution the novice by tales of the frightful operation necessary to separate the jaws once the teeth are buried in the sticky mass.

"As might be expected, few Europeans like dumboy on a first acquaintance, and with some, the initial distaste prevents further experiments. If a second or third attempt is made, however, and the dish has been properly prepared, the habit is usually formed, and before long every night spent in the bush without a meal of dumboy is counted a privation. Among the white residents of Liberia, fondness for this dish amounts almost to a cult. It is regarded as a sort of quarry that one's tenderfoot days are over."

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WAR

(By James Logan Mosby. This article won the \$300 prize offered by Life.)

I was conceived in passion, hatred, envy and greed, born in the morning of antiquity, and have a genealogy whose every page drips with the blood of murdered innocence. I respect neither the feebleness of gray hairs, the helplessness of infancy, nor the sacredness of virtue, and walk, iron-shod, ruthlessly and impartially over the form of the weakling or the form of a giant.

I paint the midnight skies a lurid glow from the burning homes I have ravaged, and I turn peaceful scenes of rural beauty, where God's own creatures dwell together in amity, into a raging hell. I set neighbor against neighbor in deadly combat, and I incite the brother to slay his brother.

I made puppets of kings, princes of courts, courtiers of courtesans, and thieves of respected subjects and empires melt before my breath as does mist before the morning sunlight.

I make a religion fanaticism; the heathen I make a fiend incarnate; and of all men I make playthings devoid of reason and justice. Through intrigue I make the intelligent powerful, the unscrupulous was fat on the spoils of blood-won victories gained by others, and the less learned suffer for their ignorance.

Famine, want, and misery follow in my path: I lay waste green fields and still the hand of industry. I pillage the land of its resources but contribute nothing to the benefit of mankind, leaving pestilence to stalk ghostlike in my wake and complete the work of destruction. I lay a heavy tribute upon my most loyal subjects for the maintenance of my establishments; I squander the vitality and lives of those who serve me faithfully, yet return to the world nothing but ruin and ashes. The babbles of fame I confer on some are the empty shells of false standards where, in the license to commit murder and rapine is held to be the insignia of glory by a mistaken civilization.

I can offer no excuse for my having come into existence, nor can I give one plausible reason why I should not cease to be, other than that as long as men who wield influence are permitted to gratify their selfish desires and ambitions at the expense of the many who must carry the burdens and endure the sufferings; that long will I continue to exact my toll of sorrow, devastation, and death. For I am pitiless—devoid of all feeling; I fear neither man nor God; I am amenable to no law, and I am in myself the law and the last resort.

I AM WAR!

"THIS DATE IN HISTORY."

1772—Russia, Austria and Prussia agreed on the first partition of Poland.

1804—Coach route established between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

1805—Francis I. of Austria declared war against France.

1816—First state election in Indiana.

1848—Milan capitulated to the Austrians under Radetzky.

1864—Admiral Farragut entered Mobile Bay with 22 vessels.

1884—Cornerstone laid for the Statue of Liberty in New York harbor.

1888—Gen. Philip H. Sheridan, famous Federal commander, died. Born March 6, 1831.

1890—French protectorate over Madagascar recognized by Great Britain.

1896—Li Hung Chang received by Queen Victoria at Osborne.

1900—Marriage of King Alexander of Serbia to Madame Draga Machin at Belgrade.

1901—Empress Frederick, eldest daughter of Queen Victoria, died. Born in 1840.

The Pennsylvania railway system since 1909 has paid about \$10,000,000 in pensions to employees.

Reading Pa., has unveiled a tablet in memory of George Washington's visit to that town in 1793.

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MANY NEW PLAYS ARE IN PROSPECT

Season of 1914-15 to Offer Big List of Productions

New York, Aug. 5.—The opening of the theatrical season of 1914-15 is now only a few weeks off, and the most of the leading managers have announced the productions they have in prospect and the attractions in which the noted players under their direction will be seen during the season.

John Drew, in accordance with a Frohman custom of many years' standing, will begin the season at the Empire Theatre on Sept. 7, appearing in a new comedy, entitled, "The Prodigal Husband."

Maude Adams will again be seen in "The Legend of Leonora" and other Barrie plays.

Ethel Barrymore will begin the season with her success of last year. Later she is to have a new play called "The Bridge of Sighs," by Edward Sheldon.

Billie Burke will tour the country in "Jerry" until about Christmas, when she will come to New York to put on a new play.

Otis Skinner has a new play, entitled "The Candle of Faith," by Jules Eckert Goodman.

William Gillette, Marie Doro and Blanche Bates are to be seen in a revival of "Diplomacy," to be made under the direction of Charles Frohman.

William Collier is to appear in a musical comedy version of "Love Among the Lions."

Raymond Hitchcock continues in "The Beauty Shop."

Margaret Livingston is to continue in "Within the Law."

John Mason is to be seen in a new play called "Cornered."

Richard Carle and Hattie Williams will begin the season in "The Doll Girl" and later probably will appear in a new farce comedy.

Julia Sanderson, Donald Brian and Joseph Cawthorn will appear in a new musical comedy, called "The Girl from Utah."

Janet Beecher and Thomas A. Wise are to be in the cast of "The Vanishing Bride."

Marie Cahill is to be seen in a new musical piece.

Francis Starr will go on tour in Bernstein's "The Secret."

Hazel Dawn will star in "The Debutante," by Harry B. Smith and Victor Herbert.

Jane Cowl is to have a new play, "Marie-Claire," taken from the French.

May Robson is to be seen in a play called "Marta by the Day."

Henry E. Dixey will be featured in a French play called "La Belle Adventure."

Low Fields is to appear in "The High Cost of Living."

Walker Whiteside will head a notable company in the Chinese play, "Mr. Wu."

Leo Dietrichstein is to star in "The Lone Wolf," a play adapted from the Hungarian.

Mrs. Fiske has a new comedy by John Luther Long.

George Arliss will present "Dissrael" in the West.

Cyril Maude will make a tour of the large cities in his successes of last season.

Julia Marlowe and E. H. Sothern will be absent from the stage.

Mrs. Patrick Campbell will make an American tour in "Pygmalion."

William H. Crane will continue in "The New Henrietta."

Mme. Nazimova has obtained several European plays for her use in America.

Blanche Ring will tour the South and West in "When Claudia Smiles."

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